

AMENDMENT

IN THE ABSTRACT:

A rear box (10) for an internal combustion engine exhaust ~~comprises~~includes a shell (12) with a lining (48) applied over the part of ~~the~~an inner surface of the shell (12) which is susceptible to exhaust condensate contact. Generally, the lining is applied over approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of ~~the~~a surface area of the inner surface of the shell. (Fig.2).